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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 1892

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (GENERAL SHARIFF)
SUBJECT: GENERAL SHARIFF'S VISIT TO THE US

1. CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE GENERAL
MOHAMMAD SHARIFF, AT THE INVITATION OF GENERAL BROWN, WILL ATTEND
THE 29TH CENTO MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING IN WASHINGTON APRIL
4-7. SHARIFF IS THE RANKING MILITARY OFFICER INERUKISTAN (SZMIOR
EVEN TO GENERAL ZIA) AND IS A MEMBER OF THE MARTIAL LAW COUNCIL.

2. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL FOR THE GENERAL TO SPEND AN
EXTRA DAY IN THE US TO BE BRIEFED ON SEVERAL ISSUES, OUTSIDE THE
CENTO CONTEXT, IN WHICH HE IS DIRECTLY INTERESTED. HIS STAFF HAS
INFORMALLY INDICATED THAT SHARIFF COULD ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON

APRIL SECOND AND HAVE APRIL THIRD FREE FOR MEETINGS BEFORE THE
CONFERENCE OPENS ON THE FOURTH.

3. THE PAKISTANI VARIANT OF A JCS SYSTEM IS A RECENT INNOVATION
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IN ISLAMABAD, AND SHARIFF WANTS TO SEE HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS
ELSEWHERE. WE RECOMMEND THAT HE BE OFFERED A BRIEFING ON THE
ROLE AND MISSIONS, OPERATIONS, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE JOINT STAFF
AND OF OUR JCS SYSTEM, INCLUDING A TOUR OF THE FACILITIES. THE
PAK JCS HAS CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ADVANCED TRAINING FOR
THE MILITARY, AND A VISIT TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY
AND/OR A CALL ON SENIOR OFFICERS CHARGED WITH STUDIES AND

ANALYSIS ARE OTHER POSSIBILITIES.

4. SHARIFF IS SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN ALL THESE FIELDS WHICH ARE PROFESSIONALLY-RELATED AND NON-POLITICAL. WE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND DISCUSSIONS ON AREAS OF FRICTION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, SUCH AS THE NUCLEAR REPROCESSING ISSUE. RATHER WE SEE THE EXTRA DAY AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPOSE PAKISTAN'S RANKING MILITARY OFFICER TO AMERICAN SYSTEMS AND TECHNIQUES IN AREAS WHICH COULD DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE PAK MILITARY GENERALLY AND PAKISTAN'S NASCENT JCS ESTABLISHMENT SPECIFICALLY.

5. IF THIS PROPOSAL IS FEASIBLE, WE RECOMMEND THAT SHARIFF BE INVITED BY GENERAL BROWN TO ARRIVE IN THE US EARLY ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE THE PROPOSED ONE-DAY PROGRAM. INVITATION SHOULD APPEAR TO BE AT WASHINGTON'S INITIATIVE AND NOT AT OUR URGING. WE SHOULD ADD THAT THIS HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SHARIFF; SO WE CANNOT GUARANTEE SHARIFF WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT, NONETHELESS, WE BELIEVE AN INVITATION SHOULD BE EXTENDED.
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